



## Responding to Third Party Requests

**Standards of Practice** of the Yukon Medical Council (“the Council”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon. Standards of Practice will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline.

- (1) A physician must provide details of his or her findings, assessment, advice and treatment given to a patient, when requested by the patient or an authorized agent or required to do so by law.
- (2) When responding to requests in subsection (1) for information about a patient, a physician must respond to the authorized request as soon as possible, generally within thirty (30) days of receiving the request, in one of the following ways:
  - (a) providing the information requested;
  - (b) acknowledging the request and giving an estimated date for providing the information requested; or
  - (c) explaining why all or part of the information will not be provided.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a physician is not obligated to:
  - (a) provide a report containing a medical-legal opinion;
  - (b) provide an expert opinion; or
  - (c) become an expert witness in a legal proceeding.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), if the request is made under a contractual agreement, physicians must comply with the specifics of that agreement.

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**Terms used in the Standards of Practice:**

- *Physician* means any person who is registered or who is required to be registered under the Medical Profession Act.
- *Must* refers to a mandatory requirement.
- *May* means that the physician may exercise reasonable discretion.
- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient’s legal guardian or substitute decision maker.